

*Tuesday, June 3, 1997*

# *Daily Digest*

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to a conference with the Senate on H. Con. Res. 84, Concurrent Budget Resolution, and appointed conferees.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5197–S5276*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 820–829, and S.J. Res. 31. **Page S5253**

**Family Friendly Workplace Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 4, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and need of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, with a modified committee amendment, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S5218–48**

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 253, to provide protections in bankruptcy proceedings for claims relating to compensatory time off and flexible work credit hours. **Pages S5220–21**

Grassley Modified Amendment No. 256, to apply to Congress the same provisions relating to compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, flexible credit hour programs, and exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements as apply to private sector employees. **Pages S5221, S5247–48**

Gorton Modified Amendment No. 265, to prohibit coercion by employers of certain public employees who are eligible for compensatory time off under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and provide for additional remedies in a case of coercion by such employers of such employees. **Pages S5221–22, S5247**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, June 4, 1997, with a vote on a motion

to close further debate on the modified committee to occur thereon.

**Concurrent Budget Resolution—Conferees:** The Chair, pursuant to the order of May 23, 1997, appointed conferees to H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002, as follows: Senators Domenici, Grassley, and Lautenberg. **Page S5235**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–43). **Page S5250**

Transmitting the report concerning the extension of waiver authority for Albania, Belarus, Kazakstan, Kyrgystan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–44). **Page S5250**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Beth Nolan, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S5276**

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**Petitions:** **Pages S5250–53**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5268–76**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Wednesday, June 4, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5276.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings to examine the management of Federal research and development investment in advanced information technologies, focusing on the President's proposed Next Generation Internet initiative and related programs to accelerate the development of a high-speed, high-quality information infrastructure in the United States, after receiving testimony from Henry C. Kelly, Acting Associate Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Neal F. Lane, Director, National Science Foundation; Ken Kennedy, Rice University, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Presidential Advisory Committee on High Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet; Gwen A. Jacobs, Montana State University, Bozeman; Bonnie Neas, North Dakota State University, Fargo; Cherri Pancake, Oregon State University, Corvallis; and Douglas E. Van Houweling, Internet 2 Project, Washington, D.C.

### UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on efforts to implement universal telephone service reform and FCC proposals to assess new per-minute fees on Internet service providers, after receiving testimony from Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, and Rachelle B. Chong, James H. Quello, and Susan Ness, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission; Jay Kitchen, Personal Communications Industry Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Roy Neel, United States Telephone Association, and Jonathan B. Sallet, MCI Communications Corporation, both of Washington, D.C.; Bob Rowe, Montana Public Service Commission, Helena, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; and Ronald E. Spears, Citizen Utilities Company, Stanford, Connecticut.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration.

### FAST-TRACK TRADE AUTHORITY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine whether to extend the President's fast-track negotiating authority to continue to fully participate in the World Trade Organization, receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; Duane L. Burnham, Abbott Laboratories, on behalf of the Emergency Committee for American Trade, C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, and Richard L. Trumka, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; and Mark Van Putten, National Wildlife Federation, Vienna, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### U.S.-HONG KONG AGREEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong for the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders signed at Hong Kong on December 20, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-3), after receiving testimony from Jamison S. Borek, Deputy Legal Advisor, Department of State; and Mark M. Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the merits of the Department of Commerce Advanced Technology Program and other corporate subsidies to private industry to develop civilian technologies, after receiving testimony from Mary Lowe Good, Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology; Robert M. White, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, former Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology; T.J. Rodgers, Cypress Semiconductor Corporation, San Jose, California; Tim Draper, Draper Fisher Associates, Redwood City, California; Stephen Moore, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Dwight D. Carlson, Perceptron, Ann Arbor, Michigan.